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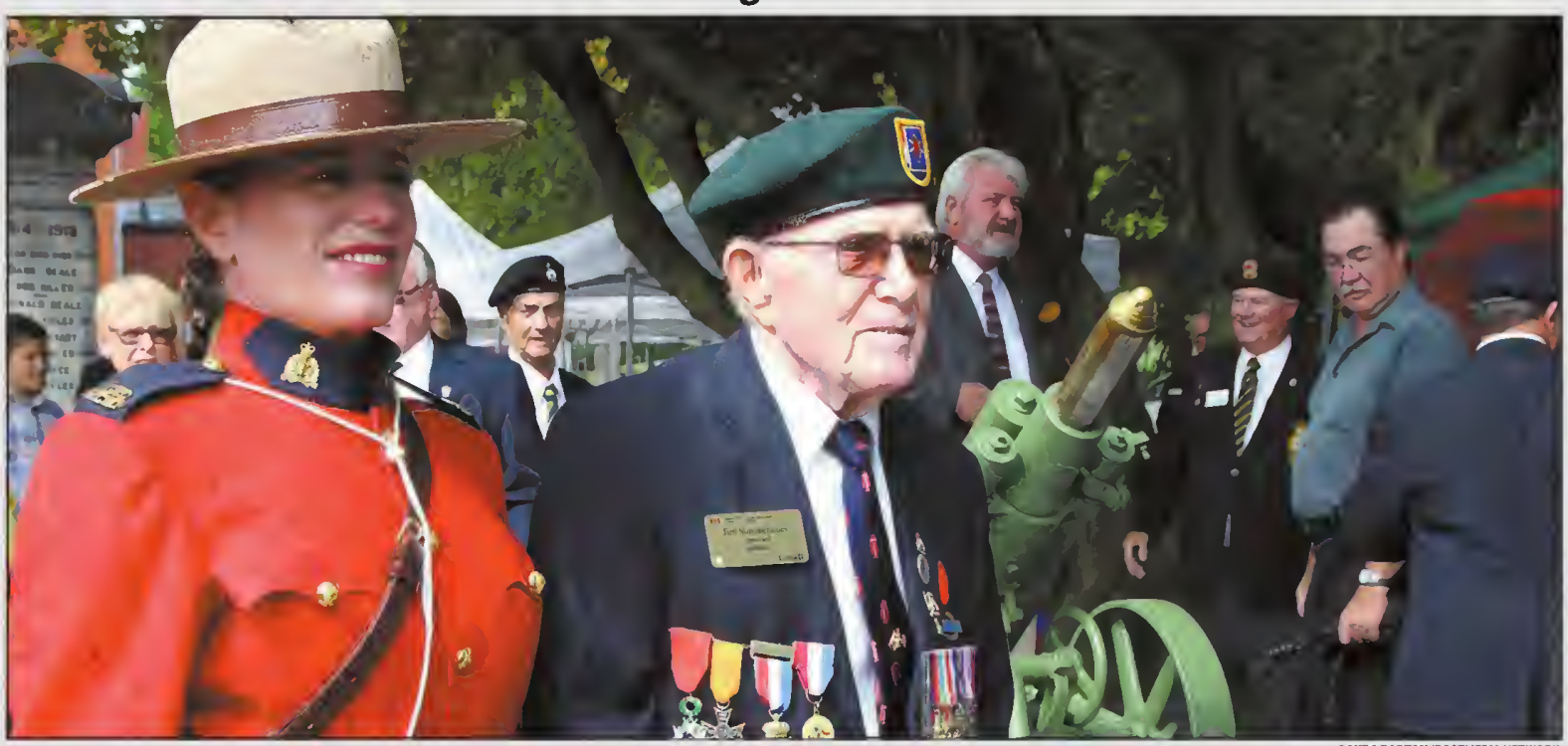

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Cst. Susan Phillips (known locally as Susan Burger) with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Hamilton Detachment stands next to Second World War Veteran Jim Summerside at the First World War trench mortar and cenotaph rededication at Old Pelham Town Hall on Saturday.

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Region closer to landing airports

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Niagara District Airport in Niagara-On-The-Lake.

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Despite concerns from some councillors that the concept of two regional airports will not fly, Niagara Region has taken the next step to adopt responsibility for the facilities.

The regional public works committee approved in principle last Tuesday taking on operations and governance of Niagara District Airport in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport in Pelham.

If approval is received by council on Sept. 15, regional staff will proceed with detailed negotiations with the current funding municipalities and a transition plan will be developed.

NDA is supported by Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Niagara-on-the-Lake, while NCDRA is funded by Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne and Wainfleet.

In July, the regional transportation steering committee put its support behind transitioning responsibility of the airports, despite a staff recommendation aimed in another direction.

Staff recommended a joint governance model be implemented at the NDA between the Region and funding municipalities, and that the municipal funding model remain as is for NCDRA due to the facility's limited ability to advance council's strategic priorities.

Fort Erie Mayor Wayne Redekop feels there is "delicious irony" in the fact that a little over a year ago council determined it did not want to take over inter-municipal transit, as the Region did not have the expertise to manage the system and had fears of runaway costs.

"OK, so let's not take over a bus service. Let's take over two airports," he said, while expressing his opposition.

Instead of putting its resources behind an initiative like transit that "really has potential to bring Niagara together," the focus has turned to air service, he said. "We're now like fish in a pond distracted by a shiny lure."

Redekop said he had difficulty understanding how taking two airports, neither of which are turning a profit, and making them regional would result in a positive business case.

"This initiative makes no sense from a political perspective, from an economic perspective, from a sustainability perspective, a practicality perspective or a policy perspective."

Transportation of all kinds — rail, road, air and water — are necessary to see increased prosperity in Niagara, Regional Chairman Alan Caslin said.

He asked that councillors "step back and look at the larger picture" of the airport's potential to improve the region's competitive position.

Niagara was one of 10 communities in Ontario considered by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority to help relieve heavy traffic at Pearson International and Toronto Island airports.

"They said to us, 'anyone who wants to pick up traffic, it's there for you to take,'" Caslin said of the GTAA, adding this is a chance to investigate those opportunities further.

"We know transportation has a cost."

Glen Cowan, the Region's associate director of finance consulting and special projects, said the airports are expected to continue losing money.

"We are projecting a cost going forward at the airports," he said, calling that projection "consistent" with other municipal airports. "You won't see a net profit directly as the owner of the airport."

Cowan previously estimated annual operating and capital costs for NDA at $1.35 million and $810,000 for NCDRA. However, those projections can vary widely depending on various services that could potentially be offered at the airports, he said.

St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski called it a "hysterical proposition" that Niagara will become "some sort of international economic engine" by transferring ownership of the airports to the Region.

He said he has not heard of any economic boom hitting Kitchener or Peterborough thanks to their airports, and he suspects that trend will continue in Niagara.

Welland Mayor Frank Campion believes the airports play a crucial role in the region's economy.

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IN BRIEF

Town urged to restore historical building windows

Carolyn Botari and Mary Lamb urged the Town of Pelham in a letter to have windows in the Fenwick railroad engineers clubhouse examined by a qualified conservationist.

The town should restore and preserve as many as windows possible, they said.

At town council's Aug. 22 meeting, the club asked the municipality to replace the windows in the 1875 Quaker meeting house in 2017.

Botari and Lamb want the town to go a step further with a restoration of the windows.

The building, called the White Meeting House, was first built at Welland Road and Effingham Street by a Hicksites Quaker group. In 1929, the Women's Institute moved it to its current site in on Maple Street in Fenwick.

The railroad club leased it from the town in the 1970s.

While not yet designated a heritage building, it is considered historically significant by the Pelham Historical Association in a 2007 survey and by a former Pelham heritage group.

Mayor Dave Augustyn said the letter was taken for information rather than as a presentation because town council has already agreed to consider the windows after the request from the model railroad club.

Pelham bus rolls for Brock, college students

Students from Brock University and Niagara College will continue to ride Pelham's one-bus transit system on U-Ride passes this school term.

Town council struck a deal with the university and college to receive $5,000 from Brock University's student union and $10,000 from Niagara's student administrative council.

Pelham's bus goes directly into Niagara College while Brock students transfer to the college run.

Pelham Transit provided the service in 2015.

Town recreation director Vickie van Ravenswaay said the number of students using the service continues to grow.

"Now the students trust us," she said. "They know they can make it to their classes and make it home."

About half of the transit's 1,400 riders last year were students, she said.

— Wayne Campbell,
special to Postmedia Network

Municipality taking responsibility for money-losers

AIRPORTS from page 2

When negotiations were underway to bring the new GE plant to the Rose City, questions about access to local air service were prominent, he said.

Businesses often want to know what services are available to move people and product around, which can make all the difference in where those dollars are invested, he added.

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati said each time he meets with an international group, the first questions he's asked often revolve around local airports.

The facilities are on the minds of "every major corporation," he said, adding they are assets Niagara needs to have.

The municipalities will still be funding the airports, just through a different portion of the tax bill, he said.

"We've still got skin in the game, it's just a different model ... We're going to go after the big fish instead of the minnows."

Diodati said the federal government has also indicated it will be easier for the Region to gain upper-tier funding for the airports than if municipalities were to apply for grants on their own.

If approved, airport negotiations are expected to take place in 2017 with an agreement in place by the following year.

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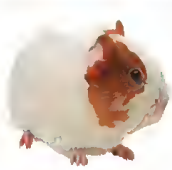

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Honouring those who fought in First World War

On behalf of Pelham council and the community, it was my honour to help unveil and rededicate two significant historic and cultural artefacts – a First World War Cenotaph and the newly restored First World War Mortar – at Old Pelham Hall on Saturday.

Because of the generous partnership of the Town with the Canadian Government, the Royal Canadian Legion, and caring citizens, these newly restored artefacts now stand as a constant reminder of the ultimate sacrifices paid by Pelham residents and other Canadian soldiers in the First World War to secure our freedom.

The beautifully restored cenotaph was completed last year, in time for our 2015 Remembrance Day commemoration. May the names of those 18 local soldiers killed in battle for our freedom also be engraved in our minds and on our hearts.

The First World War German trench mortar (called a minenwerfer) was captured by the 31st Battalion, Alberta Regiment, Canadian Expeditionary Force, in a raid on enemy trenches at Neuville Vitasse, France, during the 23 and 24 of June 1918.

The mortar, considered a "War Trophy," was awarded to the former Township of Pelham in 1921 by the government of Canada. It was placed next to the cenotaph in Ridgeville as a memorial to those from this area and the 31st Battalion, who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Great War 1914-18.

Historic research showed the government provided this mortar with the understanding that it "belongs to the Crown and to the people of Canada... and was to be preserved and respected."

Research also shows this mortar is very rare. It was one of 101 trench mortars brought to Canada and is one of very few not melted down for the Second World War war effort.

Sadly, through the 95 years since it was first placed here, memories faded and few knew the real history or recognized the significance of the mortar. The artefact deteriorated and there was talk of removing it altogether and replacing it with an artefact from the Second World War or the Korean War.

Thankfully, a group of dedicated citizens and representatives came together to work with the town and council to help recommend what to do. Among others, these included Carolyn Botari, Dell Clark, Gary Chambers, Jake Dilts, Leo Giovenazzo, Mary Lamb, Bernie Law, and Jim Summersides.

Council members and I deeply appreciate the work of these caring citizens, of town staff, the Royal Canadian Legion, Veterans Affairs, the Canadian government, and the conservation company to fully restore and tell the story of this mortar for generations to come.

Further, we hope that these newly restored artefacts – outside our recently revitalized Old Pelham Town Hall – stand as a constant reminder of the ultimate sacrifices paid by Canadian soldiers during the First World War to secure our freedom.

Thanks to the hundreds who participated in and attended the special ceremony, including:

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- Regional Councillors Baty & Quirk;
- Town of Pelham Councillors & Staff;
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Special thanks to Jim Summersides, Second World War hero, for assisting with the unveiling of the newly restored mortar and plaque.

You may contact Mayor Dave at mayordave@pelham.ca to suggest future topic and view past columns at www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.ca.

Knee injuries common among pets

We finally have a little cooler weather in Niagara and my dog is suddenly much more active outdoors.

Minnow, my black Lab, has had a long hot summer and is enjoying the time outdoors hiking and exploring the woods behind our home. Letting your dog off leash to run, fetch a ball or just hike are some of the most enjoyable times with your dog.

But injuries can occur. One of the more common injuries I see presented at my animal hospital are injuries to the knee.

A dog's knee is the middle joint in the hind leg, more commonly referred to as the stifle joint. There are many ligaments in the stifle, but one of the most important stabilizers is the cranial cruciate ligament. In humans, this ligament is referred to as the anterior cruciate ligament. Partial of complete tears to this ligament can lead to permanent lameness if left untreated.

Risk factors to dogs for damaging this cruciate ligament include being overweight and out of condition. These, of course, are risk factors for humans as well. A lean body mass is necessary to maintain good internal health as well as healthy muscles and joints. To reduce the chance of stifle injury, it is important to exercise your dog regularly every day and avoid sudden excessive activity.

Breed is also a risk factor with large breed dogs more susceptible than smaller breeds. A cruciate tear in a cat is rare, possibly due to the fact cats are not as active but when I do see one it is usually on an overweight cat.

The cranial cruciate ligament also undergoes degeneration with age. Partial tears can occur, causing mild lameness that can resolve, only to recur more severely a few months later with complete tearing of the ligament. This disease process is accompanied with arthritic changes. Most human cruciate tears are more sudden due to an athletic injury.

If a cruciate tear occurs, your dog will become suddenly lame, using the affected to leg only to balance. You will notice your dog has great difficulty getting up from a laying position, climbing stairs or getting into the car. It hurts to bear weight and move the joint and you may feel swelling and heat on the inside of the joint.

This is the time to take your dog to your veterinarian for an exam. Your veterinarian will watch how your dog walks and uses each limb, then examine the affected leg. There are some very specific manipulations (movements of the joint) by the veterinarian that can suggest a cranial cruciate ligament tear. Often sedation is needed to prevent added pain to your dog and to get good relaxation for these manipulations. X-rays are also often taken of the joint. Although the ligament is not visible on the X-ray, there are associated changes to the joint such as effusion (fluid accumulation in the joint) and arthritis. This helps to determine severity of the injury and predict healing success. The X-rays are also important as an aid to rule out any other reasons that may be causing the lameness.

Surgical repair of the torn ligament is the treatment of choice. Unlike humans where a graft is used to replace the ligament, repair in the dog requires a realignment of the top of the tibia. There are two very good techniques available: the "tibial plateau leveling osteotomy" (TPLO) and the "tibial tuberosity advancement" (TTA). Some smaller breeds can have the area strengthened with a suture technique that is less difficult and less expensive. Surgery allows an 85 to 90 per cent return to function and will slow the progression of any present or future arthritis.

After-care at home is very important as well. The surgeon will advise on the amount of exercise restriction that is necessary and some physiotherapy exercises. The healing process will take three to four months. If our dog is overweight then weight loss will improve the success rate for good return to function. Your dog will also be on some medication for several weeks to help the healing process and take care of pain.

So enjoy this gorgeous weather and get out there for a walk with your dog. If you keep your dog in a good weight range with proper diet and exercise, you will reduce the chance of a knee injury. And walking your dog helps keep you in better shape, too.

Ron Mergl is a veterinarian with a practice in Niagara Falls.

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Pelham Summerfest, businesses to iron out wrinkles

WAYNE CAMPBELL
Special to Postmedia Network

The Pelham Summerfest committee was set to meet with "the entire downtown business community" Monday.

That's in response to a 16-name petition from some business people asking that the July festival be moved off Pelham Street.

Petitioners said the four-day Fonthill party interfered with their business. The petition came to an August council meeting.

It has been suggested the festival move beside town hall, or be relocated to a school or Harold Black Park.

In a report to town council last Tuesday night, the Summerfest committee said at the Sept. 12 meeting in town hall committee members will work together to address concerns and find a solution "that can benefit the entire downtown business community."

The town will hire a neutral consultant to conduct the discussion, said former committee chairman Gary Accursi, a Ward 2 councillor.

In its report, the Summerfest committee replied to statements made in a local newspaper about the six-year-old festival's fees, attendance, beer pricing and surplus funds.

Accursi asked that the report be posted on the town's website as well as the Summerfest website and be spread through social media.

The festival began as a one-day event six years ago to bring Pelham residents back downtown after a year of disruptions. The town rebuilt Pelham Street, putting in new water and sewer services while overhauling the roadway and sidewalks. The festival was hatched to celebrate the end of that street project.

Over the six years, it expanded. Attendance increased to 33,000 people this past July.

Surpluses from vendors' fees and beer sales went into a festival reserve fund used for future capital expenses or losses from bad weather.

The committee said it has given $45,000 to local service clubs who assist at the festival's Saturday beer garden under the town square arches. Most of that money is used in the community.

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Medical specialists drawn to Niagara

RAY SPITERI
Postmedia Network

Not that long ago, Niagara was finding it difficult to attract medical specialists.

But that's no longer the case, said Tom Stewart, chief of staff for Niagara Health System.

"We're not an under-serviced area anymore. Now it's a place that people want to come," he said.

Since January 2015, there have been more than 50 specialist recruitments and leadership appointments at the NHS. The specialists include obstetricians, gynecologists, radiologists and orthopedic surgeons.

There are about 650 physicians/specialists at the NHS.

"There's just been an onslaught of excellent specialists coming in — (which has resulted in an) increase in pharmacy and physiotherapy and rehabilitation," said Stewart, who is also the health system's executive vice-president of medical affairs.

"There's probably a big economic impact to the region alone from this recruitment. They buy products, they buy houses."

He said the NHS has made a "concerted effort" to "market in a smart way."

Stewart

"First of all, it's a great region to live. It's an amazing geographic location. It's a growing tourist industry. It's affordable compared to the GTA. I think the GO train coming in is a real plus for spouses, or partners, because they'll have (increased) access to the GTA."

Stewart said the partnership with McMaster University having a medical school in Niagara is "very enticing to high-end specialists."

So is the fact that Niagara is also home to Brock University and Niagara College, while there's "an innovation corridor" across the Niagara River in Buffalo.

"There's some very exciting stuff happening here. Most people know that working in an academic environment, which we now offer here, because there's medical students in residence, that that is better care because it just raises the bar of the energy around the place," he said.

"You have to be more on your game, you're looking at the latest information, the residents are asking questions — it just raises the bar across the whole multidisciplinary team."

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Stewart said when this starts to happen, "you get cohorting of specialists together."

"As we continue our journey about consolidating into centres of excellence, it doesn't mean that just because the bricks and mortar isn't right beside your house that you're not going to have excellent access to great care. This recruitment is all about that," he said.

"We have a big, new, beautiful (hospital) here in St. Catharines. You've got more and more access to specialists, and that raises the game because if you have a heart problem, don't tell me that you don't want to see a cardiologist, or someone that really specializes in that area.

"By having more and more people, you're able to sub-specialize better."

Stewart said most of the new recruits have come from across Canada.

"The word is out there (that) people want to come to Niagara. For every position, we get far more (that) applied than actually get the spot, so that allows us to be a little more choosy," he said.

"These people that are coming, these CVs, are equivalent to people that would be attracted to large academic centres in Toronto or Hamilton or London. It's really high-quality folks that are choosing to come here."

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LOCALNEWS

Track's a crash course

LAURA BARTON
Postmedia Network

Monster trucks rolled out onto the Merrittville Speedway to close out the 2016 season at the Thorold track.

Four of the high-octane crowd pleasers – two standard sized trucks, a medium truck and a mini monster—put on a show Sunday afternoon that featuring jumping over – and crushing – cars, turning doughnuts on oversized wheels and speeding around.

Ryan Como, 24, driver of the monster truck Temperature Rising, said it's all about fun and doing it for the fans.

"The little kids is what we do it for," he said. "They come down once we're doing the autographs and stuff and they're just so happy to be near the trucks, so that's basically what it's all about."

See MONSTER on page 15

LAURA BARTON/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Eddie Como, driver of Anger Management, says there wasn't enough room at Merrittville Speedway in Thorold to do all they wanted. Here he helps close out the speedways season.

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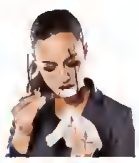

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Starving dog feeding off itself

LAURA BARTON
Postmedia Network

A severely emaciated dog found in Dunnville earlier this week is in the care of the Welland and District Humane Society.

John Greer, the animal rescue agency's executive director, said the call came in about the nine-month old black Labrador retriever mix last Tuesday at about 5:30 p.m. Animal control officers responded to the George Street and Thompson Creek Court area where someone had held the dog until they arrived on scene.

Greer said once they got there they could see just how bad the dog's condition is.

"There's absolutely no excuse you can give to allow your animal to get to that stage," Greer said of the young male dog.

The dog is so emaciated that his stomach has collapsed in on itself and there is no muscle mass left. Greer described it as the body feeding off of itself because there was no other nourishment.

As for how the dog got to this state, it's still a mystery. He was in at the veterinarian last Thursday getting bloodwork done to rule out health issues that may have caused such an extreme weight loss. Greer said the humane society is looking for potential owners.

"You don't know if it is an owned animal or if it is a cruelty case or is it a dog that's just been running for so long that now it's gotten emaciated," he said. "So we have to find out, that's important."

Greer said while social media has been quick to condemn an owner, the humane society first needs to find out if it even has an owner.

Greer said if it's a matter of the dog running away, and the owner taking all measures to find him, it wouldn't be a cruelty issue. That happens when an animal is blantantly neglected, either by not being fed or receiving veterinary care.

"We would definitely go for a ban of ownership," Greer said. "If it's been in somebody's care and they've allowed it to get to that state, they definitely don't deserve to get that animal back."

Greer said the humane society would go so far as to recommend lifetime ban given the extreme state of the dog found in Dunnville.

There is also the potential for prison time and a fine: up to two years and $60,000.

The dog's friendly state and lack of aggression suggest that it probably was owned.

Hope is not lost for this yet unnamed dog. Now that he's receiving care, he'll be getting the help he needs.

"They can turn around really quickly," Greer said. "Animals are pretty resilient."

Proper food intake and medications are high on the list of getting this dog into a healthy state. While he will get some exercise, there will be a lot of kennel rest for now.

Greer said once the dog is back in good health, he should be a good candidate for adoption.

In the meantime, Greer and the Welland SPCA are asking anyone who has information about this dog and his owner to give them a call at 905-735-1552, ext. 2.

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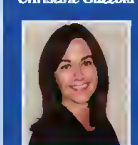
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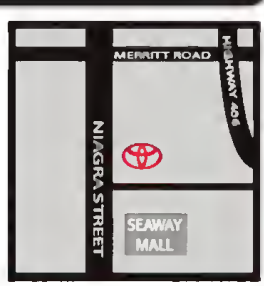

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Thorold lights up with Monster trucks

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For him, it's a family event as well since both his father and brother drive monster trucks. He said his dad, Eddie Como, always wanted a truck and when he eventually got one, they all just got involved from there.

One-time dirt bike racer Danika Kingsley, 12, switched rides after meeting Como's 11-year-old brother Jessie.

She just started driving monster trucks this year, but is already having a blast.

"It's nervous at the start but once you get used to it, it's a lot of fun," she said. "Like doing the doughnuts and everything is awesome."

Fans at the Thorold speedway cheered her on as she spun the mini-monster Firestarter around and around in circles. Her goal is to drive one of the big trucks.

Although there wasn't as much room at Merrittvile as they would have liked, the Como family and Danika did their best to put on a show for the audience.

Como said Sunday was a freestyle show, but even when they do have a set routine, it's all out the window by the time they get on the track.

The important thing is keeping up the "wow factor."

The trucks cost anywhere from $25,000 for a small one, such as the mini-monster, to $100,000 for a used full-sized one.

Como said it depends on what you want for one. Crushing cars and racing around with those expensive vehicles definitely requires a lot of upkeep.

"You're fixing them every time you drive it pretty well," Como said. "They do wear a lot of parts, and break a lot of parts."

Both his truck and his brother's medium-sized truck High Octane broke during the show and had to be pulled off the track by a tow truck.

Como said it's all worth it in the end, though.

"It's more fun with just the family, really. It's not a big money-making thing," he said. "There are people that do it just to make money, but we just like to have fun."

After the show, the audience came down to the track to take pictures with the trucks and meet the drivers. They were also signing autographs, which Danika said she hadn't done yet, but was thinking she might get to sign one Sunday.

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The crowd at Merrittville Speedway in Thorold cheers on 12-year-old Danika Kingsley as she does doughnuts in the mini-monster truck Firestarter.

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GO bus stopping in Beamsville

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It's about to get a little easier for Lincoln residents to get around.

The town now has a GO bus stop, at the carpool lot at Ontario Street and the Queen Elizabeth Way in Beamsville.

"We're delighted," said Sandra Easton. "It's satisfying to know that the request we made to the minister (of transportation) was heard."

Easton said residents have been asking for better transit service pretty much since she became mayor in 2014. Talks about a GO bus started in 2015 after the town lost the coach bus service in the area.

"We've been working on the whole issue of inter-municipal transit in Niagara," she said.

The bus stop is a part of the already-established Route 12, which runs between the Niagara Falls bus terminal and the Burlington GO park and ride.

Anne Marie Aikins, senior manager of media relations and issues for Metrolinx, which handles GO services, said the addition of the Lincoln stop doesn't add any fees to the route or cause a drastic time change. The bus service already travelled that way anyway.

Regional Chairman Alan Caslin said it's about getting people connected to base services and said it works to legitimize a community.

He said transit is one of those important base services that a community needs in order to function properly, so having this GO bus stop is a big asset for Lincoln.

"It gives (residents) access to a transit system that didn't exist before," he said. "That's part of our initiative as a region is to make sure we provide transit services to all municipalities in our region."

Aikins said determining which areas get a GO stop isn't an exact science, but Metrolinx looks at a number of different factors.

"Our planning department works closely with municipalities to look at all of the different requests that we get and we do studies on potential ridership and that sort of thing."

Population and municipal growth factor into that decision-making, and Easton said Lincoln is definitely growing as a community.

As the town continues to grow, she said plans include incorporating the GO bus and future train service into the community.

Regional Coun. Bill Hodgson said the GO stop is a good thing for the community. He knows many Lincoln residents already use the service, and now it will be even more convenient.

He said it gives the town the opportunity to get connected.

"Quite simply, people understand it's an interconnected world we live in and it's always going to be a struggle for smaller communities to get into the transit business," he said.

Easton, Caslin and Hodgson all acknowledged this GO bus stop as being the next step towards the GO train service in the future.

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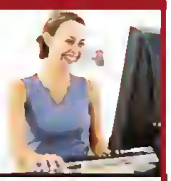

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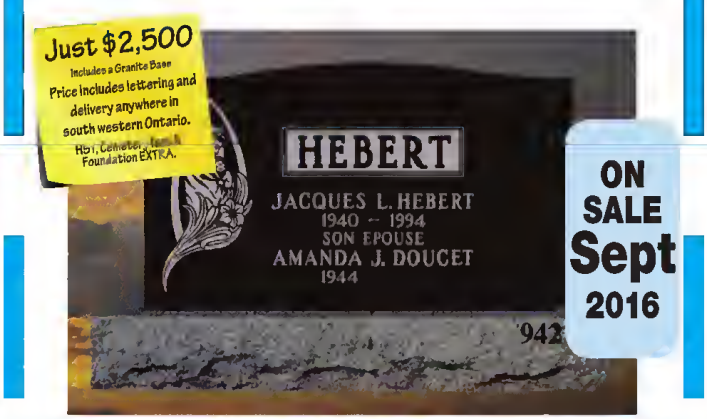

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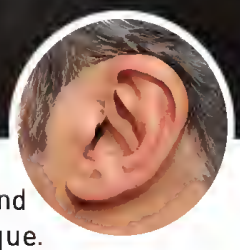

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